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Amend the Law relating to the admission of Barristers
in Ireland.

A.D. 1883.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of Ireland, made in the second session of the said Parliament holden in the thirty-third year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, chapter three, intituled "An Act touching mispleading and jeofailes," it is by section three of the said Act enacted in the words following, that is to say, "That no person or persons that now is or hereafter shall be admitted or allowed in any of the King's principal courts within this His Grace's realm in any cause or matter, whatsoever it be, or yet to make or exhibit to or in any of the said four courts any declaration or bill, plea in bar, replication, or rejoinder, or to give evidence to any jury, unless it be for the King's Majesty, or to argue any matter in law, or yet to do or minister any other thing or things in any of the said four courts which customarily hath been used to be done by one learned or taken to be learned in the King's laws, but such person and persons hath or shall be for the same act one time or several times by the space of years complete at the last resiant and demurrant in one of the ians of court within the realm of England, studying, practising, or endeavouring themselves the best way they can to come to the true knowledge and judgment of the said laws, upon pain of one hundred shillings to every person or persons offending contrary to the proviso last before specified, or anything therein contained:" And whereas the provisions of the said Act were made perpetual by another Act of the said Parliament of Ireland, made in the first session of the said Parliament holden in the eleventh year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and chapter five, intituled "An Act for reviving the statute against gray merchants, the statute for servants wages, and the statute for jeofailes:" And whereas the provost and senior fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, have increased the salary and emoluments of the regius professor of

33 Hen. 8.
stat. 2. c. 3.
s. 3.

11 Eliz.
sess. 1. c. 5.
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Feudal and English law in the University of Dublin, and also the salary and emoluments of the regius professor of civil law in the said university, and have enlarged the course of legal education to be pursued therein, and the benchers of the Honourable Society of King's Inns, Dublin, have established professorships of the law 5 of personal property, pleading, practice, and evidence, and of constitutional, criminal, and other Crown law: And whereas by arrangements entered into between the said provost and senior fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, and the benchers of the said Society of King's Inns, the lectures and teaching of the said pro- 10 fessors are available for the education of the students at law and the establishment of a complete school of law in Ireland, and the compulsory attendance of the students at one of the inns of court in London by force of any statute as aforesaid is inconvenient, and calculated to interfere with the freedom of such arrangements 15 as may from time to time be made for the systematic teaching of the professors of the School of Law in Ireland, and the regular attendance of the students thereat interrupts their studies and entails a useless expenditure of time and money: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the 20 advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

*Acts re-
quiring resi-
dence of law
students in
London
repealed.*

1. That the herein-before recited provision of the said Act of the thirty-third year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, and the 25 provisions of the said Act of the eleventh year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, so far as the said last-mentioned Act makes the said recited provision of the said Act of Henry the Eighth perpetual, be and are hereby repealed; and that in future persons seeking to be admitted to practise as barristers at the Irish bar 30 shall not be required to keep any terms commons, or enter their names in any of the inns of court in London.

*Repeal of
21 & 22 G. 2,
c. 32. (I.)
Students in
Ireland not
to be re-
quired to
keep more
than twelve
terms.*

2. The Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the twenty-second year of His late Majesty King George the Third, chapter thirty-two, intituled "An Act to regulate the admission of Barristers 35 at Law," shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and in future any person seeking to be admitted to practise as a barrister in Ireland shall not be required to keep more than twelve terms commons.

